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SPECIAL TELEGRAMS FOR THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE PROCLAMATION CEREMONY.

IMPERIAL ASSEMBLAGE, Dec. 31st, 2-45 P.M.

The Programme of the Proclamation ceremony has been issued. The amphitheatre in which it will take place is a magnificent affair, all gold and blue of brilliant colours. The Viceroy's throne is placed on a dais in the centre. The Governors of Madras, Bombay, the Lieutenant Governors of the Punjab, Bengal, and North Western Provinces, the Commander-in-Chief in India with the staffs and ruling Chiefs with their immediate attendants are to be accommodated in a large semicircle in front of the throne, and on two large blocks of benches near will be seated the native nobles and gentlemen other than the ruling Chiefs, and European gentlemen who have received special invitations to the Imperial Assemblage.

The Governor of Bombay will receive each Chief and Governor on his arrival, and others will be stationed on either side of the throne. The Shoppin Camp and retinues of Chiefs will be massed on the plain outside the amphitheatre. The Viceroy will arrive at noon and take his seat on the throne amid a flourish of trumpets by twelve heralds, and the National Anthem will be played by the massed bands of the regiments. After the Viceroy is seated the Proclamation will be read in the English language by the Chief Herald, preceded and followed by a flourish of trumpets. Then the Royal Standard will be hoisted in honour of Her Majesty the Empress of India and a Salute of 101 guns of Artillery and a feu-de-joie will be fired, and the massed bands will play the National Anthem. The Viceroy will next deliver an address to be followed by the National Anthem and three cheers from the troops, which will bring the ceremony appropriately to a close.

Another Council meeting to discuss famine measures will be held to-morrow, when the Bombay Government will be represented.

A SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE FRONTIER.

6.0 P.M.

Sir Louis Pelly returns to the North West Frontier directly on special duty.

RETURN OF THE GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY.

The Governor of Bombay leaves Delhi by special train on his return journey on Wednesday morning.

THE VICEROY'S PAGES.

9-45 P.M.

One of the Viceroy's Pages to-morrow will be a son of the Maharaja of Cashmere and the other a grandson of the Undaunted who acted as Page to the Prince of Wales last year.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

PRESENTS, INCREASE OF SALUTE GUNS, AND ARRIVALS.

IMPERIAL CAMP, 30TH DEC., 1-5 P.M.

Yesterday evening the Viceroy presented the members of Council with gold medals, and the Governors and Lieutenant Governors with honours and medals. Last night the Viceroy entertained the Lieutenant Governor of the North-West Provinces at dinner. This morning the Viceroy received the Foreign Consuls, presenting to each a medal; his Lordship also received native noblemen and gentlemen, not ruling Chiefs, who have been invited to the Assemblage, presenting each with a silver medal. Yesterday the Viceroy presented the Maharaja of Kooch Behar with a banner and medal. Each of the superior chiefs received a gold and of the inferior a silver medal. The Maharajas Holkar and Travancore were also made Councillors of the Empress of India. The Maharajas of Cashmere, Holkar, Gwalior, Kotah, and Travancore receive salutes of guns each in British territory, as well as in their own States.

The Governor of Bombay arrived by special train this morning.

The Governor General of Goa has also arrived.

6-20 P.M.

This afternoon the Viceroy visited the exhibition of Indian made jewellery, shawls, embroidered stuffs, wood carving, stone work, metal work, leather, painting, etcetera. The whole collection is quite representative of the various industries of the different cities and districts of India. The jewellery is estimated to be of the value of nearly five millions sterling. The Viceroy afterwards paid return visits to the children of the nobility—The Nizam of Hyderabad, the Gaekwar of Baroda, the Prince of Arcot and Princess of Berar. The Viceroy has now completed his visits to native Chiefs and paid all the necessary return visits. Preparations are now nearly complete for the Imperial meeting on Monday.

31st Dec., 4-45 P.M.

Last night the Viceroy entertained the Commander-in-Chief and a distinguished party at dinner.

To-day his Excellency attended the Service at the Cathedral and afterwards drove with Lady Lytton to the Kutab Minar.

THE KUTAB MINAR.

The Kutab Minar, as described by recent visitors, is one of the most interesting monuments of the Mahomedan period in India. It is situated about 10 miles from the city of Delhi, and is in the midst of the ruins of the ancient city of Indraput, the capital of the Hindu Emperors of Delhi. The Kutab Minar is a tower of red sandstone, 238 feet high, and is surrounded by a number of other buildings, all of which are in a more or less ruinous condition. The Minar is built in five stories, each of which is surrounded by a projecting balcony, supported by richly carved brackets. The lowest story is 94 feet in diameter, and the diameter of the others decreases in proportion to the height. The whole is covered with elaborate carving and inscriptions in Arabic and Nagri characters. The Minar was built by Kutab-ud-din, the first Mahomedan King of Delhi, who reigned from 1206 to 1210. He began the building, but only completed the first story, and it was finished by his successor Altamsh. The Minar was struck by lightning in 1368, and the fifth story was rebuilt by Firoz Shah. The Minar is now in a dangerous condition, and is closed to visitors. Fergusson, in his History of Indian Architecture, says that the Kutab Minar is the most beautiful tower in India, and that it is only surpassed by the Kirtee Stambha at Chitore.

STEAMER REPORTS.

TRINCOMALEE, 30TH DEC., 3 P.M.

H. M. S. Orontes, from Port Said, arrived.

GALLE, 30TH DEC., 5-50 P.M.

Mail Steamer Lombardy, from Bombay, arrived.

LINE REPORTS.—31ST DECEMBER.

Cable right to Fao. Turkish line right to Bagdad. Teheran line right to London.

We publish to-day a Supplement which contains several letters from our special correspondents at the Camp of the Imperial Assemblage at Delhi, describing fully the proceedings there up to Thursday last.

The Directors of the Bank of Bengal, at their meeting on Thursday, raised the minimum rates of interest and discount one per cent all round.

The *Pioneer* states that His Highness the Gaekwar of Baroda, on hearing of the Imperial rifle matches, presented a purse of Rs. 350 to the fund for prizes. Lady Lytton has consented to present the prizes to the successful competitors.

The *Rangoon Times* reports the destruction by fire at sea of the ship Diadem, belonging to Mr. Hopper, on her voyage from Calcutta to Rangoon. Nine of the men were picked up by the *s. s.* Moulmein, and brought on to Rangoon. The captain and officers' boat is still missing.

The Hon. H. S. Cunningham, Advocate General of Madras, will shortly proceed to Europe on furlough. It is rumoured, adds the *Madras Mail*, that Mr. O'Sullivan, an able and experienced member of the local Bar, will be appointed to act for Mr. Cunningham during his absence.

The *Civil and Military Gazette* says that the Yarkand Envoy will proceed to England immediately after the Imperial Assemblage disperses. As Mr. R. B. Shaw happens to be going on leave at the same time, he may probably be asked to accompany the Envoy, in which case Captain Scobie would, we presume, take Mr. Shaw's post at Ladak.

The following notification is published in the last Madras *Government Gazette* :—"In celebration of the announcement of the assumption by H. M. the Queen of the Imperial additions to her titles, the President in Council on behalf of His Grace the Governor requests the honour of the company of all officers in H. M.'s Civil, Naval, and Military Services with the ladies of their families in the Banqueting Hall at half past 9 o'clock on the evening of the 1st Jan. 1877.—Full Dress."

An English letter to the *Indian Public Opinion* from Ladakh just received in Lahore says :—"There is little news here save that the Ameer (of Kashgar) has had a fight with the Chinese in which the latter appear to have come off second best." This corroborates the report from Yarkund which we printed the other day. The letter adds : "Forty two loads of Mr. Russel's goods which came in here have been forwarded to Cashmere. . . The last 26 loads have reached the latter place."

The gross total of the force at Delhi is by no means contemptible. At the review on the 22nd instant, the troops numbered 13,640 men—consisting of 8 Batteries Royal Artillery, 9 Regiments Cavalry (3 British, 6 Native), 19 Battalions Infantry (6 British, 13 Native), 4 Companies Sappers and Miners, and the following detachments—one Troop Cavalry Hyderabad Contingent, one Company Infantry Hyderabad Contingent, the Body Guards of His Excellency the Viceroy and His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

We shall not be surprised, the *Pioneer* says, to hear that several members of the Civil Service in the North-West who have talked of retiring under the accelerated pension scheme, and upon whose retirement, to relieve the block in the junior ranks, Government has pretty confidently counted, hang back after all. Among those who decline the offer may possibly be found the names of Mr. W. Oldham and Mr. E. S. Robertson, for instance. There seems to be a feeling abroad that as the offer now stands, only one half of the contingent benefits of the Civil Fund are secured to the families of those who proposed to leave.

The state of the health of Madras is, says one of the local papers, daily becoming worse. The General Hospital is crowded in every part, and additional accommodation has been provided in tents for the patients who are flocking in from all parts of the town. The Hospital staff seem to be overworked, and it is considered by many that it would be more satisfactory were a few additional medical subordinates told off for duty in the General Hospital in the present time of emergency. On an average six cholera cases are admitted into hospital daily, and there are now twenty-four patients in the hospital suffering from that disease.

We understand that orders have been issued by the Government of India for the release of at least ten per cent. of all prisoners undergoing imprisonment in the several jails in India on the 1st January, to commemorate in true Oriental fashion the assumption of the new Imperial Title by Her Majesty. The custom of releasing prisoners on state occasions of this kind was one perhaps which could not be appropriately departed from in the present instance, but, says a contemporary, the police will require to be slightly more energetic when so large a number of convicted thieves are set at liberty, and the Badmash registers will require revision.

A correspondent of a Bengal paper, writing from Chittagong on the 14th of last month, says :—

The aspect worn by all the cyclone-smitten portions of the district is still very gloomy and sad. In other places, corpses yet remain unburied about in every direction, and in the Sandeep, and in many Khals and churs, and in the jungles buried down on the subsistances the bodies are unrecognisable. This is water, and

The Rev. J. R. Baldwin, of St. James' Church, Lahore, which was at one time a tomb, addressed his congregation for the last time on Christmas evening. Referring to the passion for scandal which Lahore, he said, indulged to a terrible extent, he made the following remarks :—

I can most truly say that I never was in a place, and I do not think any body ever had the misfortune to live in a place, so fruitful of slander. The inventive power of Lahore is most remarkable. It is not only remarkable for its invention, but it is remarkable also for its persistency in repeating the same thing, over and over again, till at length there is some chance of its being believed. It would not be prudent to mention some of the slanders which I have heard. They are almost as numerous, not as the quiet mushroom which grows on the green sward, but as numerous as the loathsome toadstool which swarms in the poisonous places of the earth. But I have not replied to them; I have remained silent with reference to them,—although I am suspicious that they must have done a great deal of injury to my ministry,—first because I am conscious of their absolute falsehood, and of the gross misrepresentation of my character, and my conduct; and next, because every public servant must submit to be misrepresented at times; and lastly because God will reward. There is no use of my contradicting to-day, that which may arise again to-morrow. I do not feel annoyed this evening, at the number of ill-natured insinuations, and the gross slanders of every kind, which sometimes, not always, reach my ear. But I have been very much pained by one thing which has been said. I desire, however, to-day, with the most affectionate affection, to forgive all those who have been the ingenious instruments in spreading, or the agents that invented them, or those that continued to repeat them. I do beg of them, and I have forgiven them, now that my voice will probably be heard here no more, to let these things die, and for the future not to speak of the ill I have done, but of the good I have tried to do.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

The P. and O. Co's s. s. Siam, Captain N. W. Haselwood, will sail to-day for Southampton, via the Suez Canal, with the English mails and the following passengers :—

FOR SOUTHAMPTON.

Mrs A M Hogg and infant
Master Mordaunt Crowe
Miss Leggatt
Mrs Allbrook and two infants
Mr Robert Craig
Mrs Purcell and infant
Mrs Pickering and infant
Mrs Warner
Mr S Barnes
Miss Edwards
Master Brodeshank.

FOR BRINDISI.

Miss Carter
Mr James Lake
Mr F D Vincent.

FOR VENICE.

Mr J H Evans
Col and Mrs A W Lucas and two infants
Miss Dunbar
Mr J P Milson
Mr de Saige
Mr A O'Sullivan
Mr Sheppard
Surg Major and Mrs Mantell
Miss Kerr
Dr W Jackson

P.S. Surg.—Mr Beetham.

THE LATE S. S. AMBASSADOR.

An appeal has been made on behalf of the widow and families of that portion of the crew of the late *s. s.* Ambassador who were drowned when that vessel foundered on Christmas day, many of whom have left wives and families who were solely dependent on them.

Contributions on their behalf are solicited, and will be duly acknowledged. The Manager of the National Bank of India will be happy to receive donations and credit the amounts to the *s. s.* Ambassador Fund, the disposal of which will be hereafter determined by a committee.

Contributions are also solicited for the survivors, who have lost all their effects.

The Honorary Secretary of the Home will be glad to receive coat off clothes, &c, for these men (17 in number.)

Contributions may be sent to Captain Searle, Honorary Secretary *(protem)* of the *s. s.* Ambassador Fund and Lieutenant Brebner, at the Shipping Office. We will also undertake to forward any contributions which may be sent to our office.

The Superintendent of the Sailors' Home acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a case of clothes for the use of the seamen of the late *s. s.* Ambassador, who lost all their effects, from Captain Searle, and for the following contributions received through Captain Sayers, of the B. I. S. N. s. s. Vingorla :—

Captain Allen (Arabia)	Rs.	5	0 0
W. Potts.....	"	5	0 0
Captain, officers and engineers of the s.s. Vingorla.....	"	22	0 0
Total Rs.		32	0 0

We understand that Messrs. Asquith and Co. have likewise sent a bundle of clothes for the use of the distressed men.

THE DINNER AT THE SAILORS' HOME.

We have been requested to call the attention of the captains and crews of the ships now in harbour to the arrangements made for the seamen's dinner which is to be held to-day. Six men from each ship have been invited, but should any ship have been overlooked the captain is invited to accept this notice as an invitation and to permit six of his men to attend. The dinner will take place at two o'clock in the afternoon, and the men should be in the Home by 11 o'clock at the latest.

THE PENSIONERS' DINNER.

The arrangement for this dinner, an appropriate recognition of the services of the British soldier in India, are now nearly completed. Messrs. Minns and Kerner have been appointed purveyors, and the bill of fare, for which they have contracted, is a good one. Cards of invitation have been issued to about sixty pensioners, but it is expected that from various causes some will be unable to attend; it is, however, expected that about forty will sit down to dinner. A sub-committee has been appointed to superintend decorations, &c., &c., and we do not doubt that under their direction the hall in the old Sailors' Home will assume a most festive appearance. It is hoped that the services of a regimental band may be obtained so that the nearly of the old heroes may be fired by some martial strains but there is a difficulty about this as the troops may be on parade till about the dinner hour. Altogether the fete promises to be most successful.

Time has been so limited that all the arrangements have had to be carried out in a hurry, and we have been requested by the Honorary Secretary to intimate that if any of those entitled to be present have been overlooked, he will be happy to send them invitations if their names are furnished to him.

MEETING OF THE KHOJA COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE PROCLAMATION DAY.

A meeting of influential members of the Khoja community was held, at the residence of Mr. Famjibhoy Cassumbhoy Gangjee yesterday morning, at the house of Mr. Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy, Esq., Girgaum, to consider what steps should be taken to celebrate the great event of the assumption by Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria of the above title of Empress of India.

Among those present were—Mr. Dhanjeebhoy Jairazbhoy, Esq., Mr. Carimbhoy Padamsey, Mahomedbhoy Kajee, Ebrahim, Jafferbhoy Visram, Rahmoodbhoy Alloo, Rahimbhoy Nasserali, Fazulbhoy Cassumbhoy Gangjee, Esquires, Ebrahim, Hoosein, Carmally Sonjee, Mooljee Jewraj, Nanjee Hoosein, Hasanali Ebulloo, Janmahomed Sonjee, Esquires, and others.

It was proposed by Mr. Famjibhoy Cassumbhoy Gangjee, and seconded by Mr. Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy and carried unanimously that a subscription list be open for the purpose of defraying the whole of the Khoja Mohia with suitable illuminations, decorations, &c. About Rs. 800 were subscribed on the spot.

It was further resolved that the religious places of the Khoja community should be illuminated on the occasion of Her Majesty.

EUROPEAN AND OTHER EXTRACTS.

AMERICAN ELECTION SCENES.

("From the Times" Special Correspondent.)

New York, 9th.

During the day I went about, as I did at Indianapolis, to various polling booths, the editors of the *New York Times* having courteously allowed one of the most competent members of its staff, Mr. Welch, to accompany me and direct me to the principal points of interest. I have described how the voting went on at Indianapolis, and in its essential features it naturally went on in the same way here. There were, however, some marked differences, which it may be worth while briefly to note. At Indianapolis the singular want of a registration law left little or no official writing to be done, while it also threw much harder work upon the amateur detectives, who had to mark off in their private note-books the names of the voters, and then have suspicious characters followed about all day by pedestrians and even mounted couriers to see that they did not "repeat" or personate. Here, on the contrary, the amount of official registering and writing was the principal feature of the voting. The voter, who could vote only in one place, gave his electorial number and name as he entered, and found, I think, at least six persons, half Democrats, half Republicans, armed with registers to verify and write them down, four "inspectors," whose special duty it was to receive the tickets, and two "polling clerks." Two "supervisors," two "United States Marshals," and two policemen were also present to see that everything was carried on in accordance with the law. As most, if not all, of these officials belong to the same district as the voter, and the inspectors are the same men who have looked after the registration, it is not easy to see instructions laid down in duty bound will ever pray.

DINSHAW MANOCHJEE PATEL, President.
YESAVANT VASUDEV ATHALYE, Secretary.

Bombay Association Room, Sassoon Buildings, 18, Marine Street, Fort. Bombay, 23rd December 1876.

THE LATE ACCIDENT ON THE MADRAS RAILWAY.

(Madras Mail.)

We are glad to hear that the sufferers by the late accident who are now in the General Hospital, are, with two exceptions, doing well. The native whose skull was fractured is in a precarious state, and there is but little hopes of his recovery; and the doctors express some anxiety about the condition of Shaw, a Sub-Conductor in the Gun Carriage Factory, who had his arm amputated. The native woman whose leg was amputated was reported as doing better. The names of the natives who were killed do not appear to have been yet ascertained nor will they be until the relatives come forward to explain who were travelling in the train. The damage to the line was fully repaired yesterday in time to allow all the trains to pass through last night. We hear that Sullivan, the driver of the mail train, who frankly confessed before the Joint Magistrate of North Arcot that he alone was to blame for rushing the train past Arakonam, will be prosecuted by the Madras Railway Company. That the driver should have forgotten his instructions seems most strange, more especially as he had driven the same train from Tuticorin to Madras, and stopped at Arakonam as he had been directed. There seems no reason to suppose that the man had been "keeping Christmas" by drinking more than was good for him; on the contrary the Railway authorities state that Sullivan has for years been an exemplary character, while the driver of the Grand Junction is one of the best men in their service, who was selected last year to take charge of the train by which the Prince of Wales travelled from Beypore to Madras—a responsibility now shared by the fireman. The only explanation that can be offered is that the Driver had been in the habit of passing through the station of Arakonam without stopping, that the new arrangement had only been in force for a week, and that the change in instructions had escaped his memory. It will naturally occur that with the introduction of the new arrangement, proper precautions should have been taken at Arakonam to prevent either of the trains from running through that station. This is a point that will doubtless be inquired into, as it seems only reasonable to suppose that there must have been some officers at Arakonam whose duty it was to signal to the train to stop. Another question that suggests itself is, why the guard had no means of communication with the driver? The guard at once detected the mistake the driver had made, and tried to call his attention to it. But the driver, in the dark, did not notice the guard's signals. The guard then put on the brake with all his might, and jumped off the last carriage when the collision occurred. A subsequent examination of the train bears out the guard's version of this story. But though the driver did not notice the guard's efforts to stop the train, it is clear that he saw the train coming in the opposite direction for he exclaimed before the collision; for he had time to blow the danger whistle, shut off steam, and jump off the engine before the engines dashed against each other. The danger whistle was heard by several of the passengers, and by the guard, who ran a length to confirm the Driver's statement in this matter. So far as we can judge at present, the accident was due solely to the forgetfulness of the Driver, and might have been prevented if there had been proper means of communication between Guard and Driver, or if there had been any official at Arakonam to signal to the train to stop. The danger of collision on a single line of railway is necessarily very great, and can only be avoided by observing the strictest precautions and adhering very exactly to the instructions laid down for working the traffic.

(From a Correspondent.)

Vellore, 27th December.—Arthur O. Lowis, who was killed in the late accident near Arakonam, was buried yesterday in the cemetery at this place. I do not know that all the gentlemen of the station were present at his funeral. Poor man, his left thigh was broken, his right jaw fractured, his nose on the right side were smashed in, and there was a fracture on the back of the head. His comrade, Mr. Welch, and the two little dogs were also found dead by his side. His mate was also among the dead. It is not known to what profession he belongs, as none of his relatives are yet come up to Vellore. He was a native of Scotland, and is said to be a nephew of Lord Dundonald.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY AT HATFIELD.

(The World.)

There are many who can recollect the days when the young Cecils sat at the feet of the late Mr. Faithful, sometimes rector of Hatfield, a pedagogue of so patrician an order that his academy was known as the Young House of Lords. Mr. Faithful did not quite equal the fame of Dr. Busby, who flogged three generations of peers; but he certainly piloted both the late Marquis of Salisbury and his three sons through the quicksands of Latin prosody and the narrow arch of the *pons asinorum*. Robert Cecil, then but a younger son, began when very young to justify his family motto, *Sero sed serio*. Shy, reserved, and studious, he appeared preternaturally solemn to the young barbarians who put their trust in thews and sinews. Robert Cecil's muscles were rarely exerted except in the combats requisite to secure his own peace and quietness. The necessity for physical exercise of some kind drove him now and then into the tennis court; but there was nothing which he loved more than to stroll, book in hand, under the leafy avenues of Hatfield. As a boy he showed a wonderful knack of grasping a new subject. In his youth the study of German, of photography, of botany, and the natural sciences was a new thing; but Robert Cecil dabbled not unsuccessfully in all of these. To him and his younger brother, life at Hatfield under the late Marquis was unlike life elsewhere. It was a theory of that very clever but slightly eccentric nobleman—whose wall round Hatfield and whose claim against the insurance companies, after the great fire, provided ample material for country gossip—that younger sons should be acclimatised to physical discomfort. In rigid consistency with this doctrine, Robert and Eustace were compelled to sleep in a room together on mattresses thrown on the floor. The practice is one which turned out well in the case of the Cecils, since it has firmly implanted in them a sublime self-reliance and a precious habit of doing things by themselves and for themselves, without troubling or leaning on others. At Eton, and afterwards at Oxford the vigorous helpfulness of Lord Robert Cecil attracted the regard of his contemporaries, the most sagacious of whom pointed him out as a younger son who could take care of himself. In his trip to America, Australia, and round and about the world generally, he again showed his aptitude for being in the front of every well directed movement. The circular trip was a new thing when Lord Robert Cecil made it a quarter of a century ago. On this journey he displayed the fruit of the hard system of education. He knocked about quite alone, without companion or servant, and acquired the art of washing and darning for himself while "roughing it" with like rapidity to that which he subsequently showed in grappling with the difficulties of the unlucky railway company, whose presentation service of plate is familiar to the guests at the select dinners at Hatfield.

When Lord Robert Cecil went into Parliament, he was entering into the first of three successive and well-defined stages of political existence. *Frondeur* in his hot youth, when the hon. member for Stamford relied on some four hundred a year *plus* his pen; more statesmanlike but yet caustic as Lord Cranborne,—the Marquis of Salisbury has finally developed into a thorough man of business. So completely is he absorbed in the duties that it is difficult to speak of him apart from them. Possessor of one of the most magnificent ancestral seats in England, he dwells there, it is true, but his real life is in the council-chamber or the laboratory. Perhaps no better instance of the influence of English institutions upon a keen active mind and a strenuous temperament can be cited than the gradual evolution of the lord of Hatfield from the Mr. Robert Cecil who, during his earlier parliamentary career, lost no opportunity of dashing his yet frail bark against the ironclads of debate. This disposition could hardly be attributed to the vanity inspired by a brilliant university career; for, although he was elected to a fellowship at All Souls, he had only taken the degree of an honorary fourth in mathematics. It was perhaps rather his native courage and the impetuosity of youth which drove him to criticise and exasperate those against whom he would appear a the first glimpse to have had no possible chance in debate. At this period of his career his tone was strongly tinged with bitterness; but a perceptible change was wrought in him by the death of his elder brother, which made him Lord Cranborne and heir to a great marquisate. As Marquis of Salisbury, the cousin reviewer, the acrid back-bencher has ripened into a model Minister with an almost unrivalled power of settling through masses of dry and difficult work. He has qualified himself for the task of making history as he qualified himself as a journalist—by severe study and patient labour. Whether living at Dieppe, at Arlington-street, or at Hatfield, the tall man with the clear-cut features, bald head, and stooping shoulders, is always at work from desire, habit, and necessity. Whatever may be thought of the system of governing India by telegraph, there can be no doubt that the present Secretary of State is fully impressed with the responsibility of his position; for if he fails in anything it is in trying to do too much. But this failing of over-thoroughness is not misleading in an administrator—is intensely English, and in the Marquis of Salisbury's case may be held to be inherited from his ancestor, the second son of the great Burleigh that Sir Robert Cecil, first Baron Cecil of Essendine, then Viscount Cranborne, and finally Earl of Salisbury, who so ably conducted himself to death in the service of pawky King James, and now rests beneath the ghastly monument in the church of St. Stephen's.

A curious instance of Lord Salisbury's ability for mere labour occurred a little time ago. An ingenious gentleman was anxious for the purpose of duplicating manuscript, by enabling the writer to print off the thoughts at once on a strip of paper acted upon by a keyboard not unlike that of a pianoforte. The Marquis of Salisbury at once went to work, learned to play deftly on the odd instrument, and astonished the Indian Office by sending minutes, comments, and instructions printed in capital, small, and italic, dashed off with the pen. In other walks of life he has also shown his aptitude for grasping subjects foreign to his previous course of thought. As a railway director he exhibited remarkable acumen and common sense on occasional contest, and as a chairman of Quarter Sessions astonished the Hertfordshire magnates and the Middlesex bench by the rapidity and method he brought to their counsels. At his accession to the marquisate the condition of the labourers' cottages on this estate at once attracted his attention. At that time the working husbandmen of Hertfordshire were vilely lodged, and it was a moot point whether the Salisbury or the Cowper estates merited the bad eminence of containing the most wretched huts in the county. But great improvement has happily been made since then; for the present is at least better lodged than the farmer's pigs; and the impetus having once been given, the work of amelioration goes steadily on. In only one respect does the present Marquis abstain from the pursuits of country gentlemen: he is personally a lukewarm sportsman: never rides to hounds—rides, indeed, seldom at all—and shoots little.

Hatfield, once the palace of the bishops of Ely, then the prison-house, and afterwards the residence of Queen Elizabeth, whose portrait by Zucchero, in regal ornaments, with a fancifully typical design of eyes and ears, still looks upon its walls, has long been famous for its splendid hospitality. Many a "grande reception" in its lordly halls, and England's brightest and bravest have oft tripped through its trim gardens and quaint avenue of yew-trees to the vineyard by the river Lea. In the hands of its present owner it has nowise degenerated from its hospitable traditions. The last royal visit was that of the Prince and Princess of Wales a couple of seasons ago. On that occasion the entertainments of the hour were tried by the measure of the hour, for preparations had been made for a garden-party on a grand scale. Marquises had been wanted, and every care taken that the outdoor entertainment should be a perfect success. The weather intervened. The morning had been fine enough; but just as the royal party arrived at the railway station, thunder, lightning, and rain set in with a determined air of "all day." The idea of *al fresco* amusement was roughly dissipated. The guests were assembled, and the question was what to do with them. Hatfield proved equal to the occasion, and the abortive garden party was quickly resolved into an indoor reception, and all went merrily.

The absence of the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury from Hatfield will be severely felt in Hertfordshire this winter. A great Hertfordshire event is the annual ball at Hatfield House. This celebration is due in January, and is signalised by the presence of at least two thousand guests. That magnificent apartments are thrown open, but, vast as they are, afford barely space enough for dancers who are bent on dancing. On these great occasions the Marchioness of Salisbury occupies the upper end of the great gallery, and welcomes every guest in turn. Noteworthy names appear among these: members of England's proudest families and men whose genius alone is their passport, grave dignitaries of the senate and the bar, cognoscenti of the iron-world and luminaries of science, together with not a few artists and members of that fourth estate of which Lord Robert Cecil was an active working member. Perhaps Lady Salisbury's social accomplishments are best displayed at the quiet dinners for which Hatfield is celebrated. At these pleasant gatherings, when a few chosen guests come from Saturday to Monday, and a few neighbours are invited with equal care to meet them, the qualities of the hostess shine with peculiar brightness. Possessing in an eminent degree the faculty of appreciating individual talent, she displays rare tact and ingenuity in succeeding, without any apparent effort in inducing every guest to say what he or she can say best. The host recalls no memory of his career in the House of Commons as he chats easily and smoothly in his low-toned voice, and no man possesses in higher perfection the most flattering of arts, that of listening well. Both at Hatfield and Arlington-street his favourite recreation is experimental chemistry, and his laboratories are the workrooms and envy of lovers of natural science. This taste is also inherited by at least one of his sons, who was seen during a ball at Hatfield eagerly discussing gases and light with a tutor in a corner.

It has been said that the quality of the Marquis of Salisbury's mind is not original—that he never initiated a great measure; but it must be remembered that originality in politics is often a plant of late growth and not unfrequently of dangerous properties. That his genius be not inventive—a fact which has yet to be proved, for he is only forty-six years of age—must be conceded that it is eminently critical and constructive; business-like is the homely term which best describes the best idea of his undeniably great power. It is this quality which has made him pre-eminent in his own valley, where, as a nobleman, landowner, and magnificent host, his retainers, shadows that they are, of brilliant debaters, are models of Cecil. No man was ever more [illegible] apparently at least, less cordial. [illegible] from observation, the overcoat unbuttoned a little; and it is not [illegible] might be seen joining his fleet of [illegible] paper-chase at Bridgebury.

"Berkeley, September [illegible]
a duty I owe to you to express [illegible]
I have derived by taking [illegible]
to your agent, Mr. Bell, Bexley [illegible]
wind in the stomach, you will [illegible]
for a length of time having [illegible]
but without deriving any benefit [illegible]
bottles of your valuable Pills, I was [illegible]
state of health. Please send [illegible]
who may thus be afflicted.—I am [illegible]
Address—To the Proprietors of New [illegible]

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SALES BY AUCTION.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.
No. 21, Apollo Street.

FOR SALE.

Colored Oleographs of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales (in Military Costume), measuring 24 by 20½, in rich gilt frames. Also, Wines and Spirits, such as Clarets, Larmont, Chablis, Barsac, Chateau Beisir, Haut Margaux, Portwine, Brandy, by Louis Bechado, Imperial, Arthur Chapoll, Castillion and the Assorted Vineyard Cultivator's Cognac No. 1 Brandy, otherwise called "The Beehive."

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.

Bombay, 1st January 1877.

BAPOOJEE HORMUSJEE.

VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY for Sale by PUBLIC AUCTION, (by order of Hanuker Shrinker Josey, Esq., the Mortgagee) and on account and at the risk of the late Pandharenath Sakaramjee, the Mortgagor.

Under instructions from the Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale, reserved to him by a deed of Mortgage, bearing date 11th day of May 1875.

BAPOOJEE HORMUSJEE will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY the 4th day of January 1877, at 4 o'clock P.M. on the premises, all that piece or parcel of land with messuage, tenement, dwelling house, standing thereon, situate on the eastern side of the passage in Moghbat Wadi, in the Sub-district of Bhoolesshwur, registered in the Books of Land Revenue under Pension and tax under No. 152, and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 93, containing by admeasurement 3154·5 square yards, be the same little more or less, and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the east by the Chawl of Vidyaram Mahonjee, on or towards the west by the passage of a Cart, on or towards the North by the house of Cursna Balnojee, and on or towards the south, by the house of Pandharenath Elukamjee.

For particulars and conditions of sale may be seen by applying to the undersigned.

BAPOOJEE HORMUSJEE.

Bombay, 1st January 1877. Auctioneer.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
2, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

AUCTION SALE of valuable Landed Properties, situate at Memonwada, Dadur, Tank Bunder and Duncan Road, in the Island of Bombay.

Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on their respective premises, the following properties on the following days by order of the mortgagee, Mr. Kessowjee Naik, and on account and risk Memon Mahomed Hajee Ally, the mortgagor, pursuant to the power of sale contained in an indenture of mortgage, dated the 14th day of August 1875.

On TUESDAY, the 23rd day of January 1877, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Firstly.—All that piece or parcel of Pessandaree land or ground (whereof Rahimtoola Ahmed is the Pessandar) together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house, standing thereon, lying, and being on the west side of Memon Wada Street, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Bhendibazar sub-district, which said land is now and premises are assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No 52, and which said land or ground contains by admeasurement seventy-nine square yards and three quarters, be the same little more or less, and is bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the east side the said by the property of Memon Jan Mahomed Khan Mahomed, on or towards the north side thereof by the property of Mahomed Dossa, and on or towards the south side thereof by the Mandvi Lane, and which said premises were formerly and are now in the occupation of the tenants of the said Mahomed Hajee Ally.

On the same day at 5 o'clock P.M.

Second.—All that piece or parcel of Pessandaree land or ground (whereof Rahimtoola Ahemed is the Pessandar) together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house, standing thereon, situate, lying and being on the west side of the Fort of Bombay, in the Mandvee sub-district, on the north side of the first Memonwada, or Nagdevi Cross lane, assessed under No. 49, and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the east by the house of Mahomed Hajee Ally, on or towards the west by the house of Memon Faizal Mahomed Salley Mahomed, on or towards the north by the rear compound of the messuage of Hajee Ally, on or towards the south side thereof by the said first Memonwada or Nagdevi Cross Lane, which said premises were formerly and are now in the occupation of the tenants of the said Mahomed Hajee Ally.

On WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of Jan. 1877, at 5 o'clock P.M.

Thirdly.—All that piece or parcel of Farm (called new salt Batty ground, situate at or near Dadur Road, otherwise called Mahim Road, on the west side thereof, in the sub district of Mandvee, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement three thousand six hundred and seventy-two square yards, be the same a little more or less, registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue for Quit and Ground Rent under Nos. 482 and 483, which said premises are bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the east by the property of Mahomed Hajee Ally, on or towards the west by the property of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, and which said premises were formerly in the occupation of the said Mahomed Hajee Ally.

On the same day at 5 o'clock P.M.

Fourthly.—All that piece or parcel of Farm (called new salt Batty ground, situate at or near Dadur Road, otherwise called Mahim Road, on the west side thereof, in the sub district of Mandvee, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement three thousand six hundred and seventy-two square yards, be the same a little more or less, registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue for Quit and Ground Rent under Nos. 482 and 483, which said premises are bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the east by the property of Mahomed Hajee Ally, on or towards the west by the property of Nowrojee Manockjee and Sons, on or towards the north by the property of A. Dominic's heirs, on or towards the south, by the property of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, and which said land or ground contains by admeasurement three thousand six hundred and seventy-two square yards, be the same little more or less, and is bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the east by the property of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, and which said premises were formerly in the occupation of the said Mahomed Hajee Ally.

On the same day at 5 o'clock P.M.

Fifthly.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground, with the two messuages, tenements or dwelling houses built and standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Dadur, near Mahim, without the Fort in the City of Bombay, in the sub-district of Mandvee, and facing the said Mahim Road on the south side thereof, which said piece of land or ground contains by admeasurement twelve thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven square yards, be the same a little more or less, and is considered by the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 411, and which said messuages are assessed by the Collector of Assessment under Nos. 9 and 11, and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the east by the property of Bhawoo Dwarkoo, on or towards the west by the property of Mangaia Gowar, on or towards the north by the property of Mesrs Dias Jose de Silva and Pascoal De Silva, and on or towards the south by the Mahim Road leading to Northern Road, which said premises were formerly in the occupation of Nowrojee Manockjee and are now in the occupation of the said Memon Mahomed Hajee Ally and his tenants.

On THURSDAY, the 26th day of Jan. 1877, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Sixthly.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground, together with the thereon standing, situate and being at Dadur Road, Bunder Road, in the sub-district of Mandvee, with all the Fort of Bombay, and registered in the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 500, and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the north by the Government ground, on or towards the south by the Tank Bunder Road, on or towards the east by the ground belonging to Tar Mahomed Ahmed, which said ground was formerly in the occupation of the Trustees of Bomanjee Framjee Cama, and is now in the occupation of the said Mahomed Hajee Ally.

On FRIDAY, the 26th day of Jan. 1877, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Seventhly.—All that piece or parcel of Government land or ground, with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Dadur Road, otherwise called Mahim Road, at new Town, in the Mandvee sub-district, on the north side thereof, on the east side thereof by the property of Mahomed Hajee Ally, on or towards the west by the property of Mahomed Dossa, on or towards the north side thereof by the property of Narrayan Govindjee, and which said ground contains by admeasurement four hundred and seventy-two square yards, be the same little more or less, is entered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 1722 and 1723, and which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 10 and now in the occupation of the said Mahomed Hajee Ally.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to the Undersigned, or to Messrs. RIMINGTON, HORNBY & NOBLEY, Attorneys for the mortgagee.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 1st January 1877.

NOTICES.

WHEELER AND WILSON'S CELEBRATED SILENT LOCK-STITCH SEWING MACHINES.

HIGHEST HONOURS at the latest Vienna Exhibition. Patronized by the Royal Family.

Instruction to purchasers gratis. Cotton, Silk, Linen, Thread, Needles and spare parts always on hand. Samples on view.

DOSSABHOY MERWANJEE & Co.,
Sole Agents,
2, Parsee Bazaar Street.

NOTICE.

WHEREAS the late PESTONJEE SOOKLAL, on the 23rd day of April 1876 in the Bhendy Bazaar, MADE HIS WILL which was duly executed by the said Pestonjee Sookhlaljee in the presence of, and attested by the Undersigned, Messrs. MANOCKJEE, SORABJEE & DINSHAW PATELL. And whereas the said Will was seen in the possession of the said Testator, a short time within the fortnight immediately preceding his death. And whereas diligent search has been made for the said Will but it has not been found. Any person who may know where the said Will is, is requested to communicate with the Undersigned, or with CAWASJEE PESTONJEE, one of the Sons of the deceased and one of the Executors named in the said Will. It being suspected that some one interested has suppressed or made away with the said Will, any one giving such information as may lead to the finding of the said Will and the conviction of any person who has been a party to the suppression of or making away with the said Will will be liberally rewarded.—Dated this 28th day of December 1876.

JOHN MACFARLANE,
Attorney for Cawasjee Pestonjee.

TUTICORIN.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALEXANDER CROWE, DECEASED.

THE following properties belonging to the above Estate are FOR SALE, and offers will be received for them or each or either of them up to the 10th day of January next by the Undersigned who will furnish all particulars:—

I—THE COTTON PREMISES containing substantial godowns capable of storing 16,000 Bales Cotton, with Steam Pressing, Hydraulic Pressing, Engine Rooms, Boilers, &c., &c. The Machinery is nearly new and available for immediate use.

II—THE COFFEE PREMISES containing spacious Stores, Barbecues, Lofts, Verandahs and Hand-pulping and Husking Machinery.

A GOOD BUNGALOW is attached to each of the above premises.

The properties form a square of 4 acres, fronting the Sea and Beach Road on the East and adjoining the South Indian Railway Terminus on the North and the Main Road to the Cotton Depôts on the South.

E. H. SKRINE
Attorney for Trustee Estate A. H. Crowe & Co.
Tuticorin, 15th December 1876.

HYDRABAD INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

IT is PROPOSED to ESTABLISH a SCHOOL of INDUSTRY for the Province of SIND at HYDERABAD. The object of this School is to give to youths a thorough education in the various branches of industry, and to accomplish this object it is intended to admit pupils for a certain fixed time, during which they will be instructed in Carpentry, and Pottery by skilled and professional teachers. The Head Department of Industry, I hope after some time to add Engine-fitting and a knowledge of Machinery. During the pupils' residence in the school their work will of course be sold for the benefit of the Institution, and when they have arrived at a certain degree of proficiency, they will on leaving the school, be presented with a set of tools. In this way, it is hoped that a higher ideal of workmanlike excellence will gradually be introduced into every village in Sind. The utility of such an institution as a School of Industry cannot be denied by any one who has observed the wretched implements, and primitive modes of working, at present in use throughout more than Two Thousand years ago, which are followed with a blind, and it may be remarked, childlike fidelity by the Hindu Province in India in which no measures have been taken to elevate the low standard of industrial excellence.

Funds for the cost of founding the School, which is Rs. [illegible] the sum of Rs. 4,000 by private donations, to contribute which Government will be asked to supply the remainder, which will be sufficient to meet the outlay [illegible] Office, buying plant, and other [illegible] Undersigned, or [illegible] thankfully received by the Bankers of Bombay [illegible] Karachee Branch of the Bank of Bombay [illegible] School Funds.

HART DAVIES.
Educational Inspector in Sind.

[illegible] sum already contributed:—

[illegible] Rs. 200
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